Recreation and Natural Resource Protection

Recreation and Open Space
- Only areas of 40 or more contiguous acres are shown
  - Regional Recreation Open Space
    - Includes regional parks and park reserves, as well as state and federal lands recognized as part of the regional system
  - County, Local and Private Parks
  - Land identified as recreational in the 2000 land use inventory
  - Golf Courses
    - Land identified as golf courses in the 2000 land use inventory
  - Cemeteries
    - Land identified as cemeteries by The Lawrence Group and by communities as part of the planned land use inventory
  - Existing and Funded Regional and State Trails
    - Source: The Lawrence Group, 2000; trails not shown within park boundaries
  - All Categories Above of less than 40 Contiguous Acres
    - Sources: Metropolitan Council 2000 land use and planned land use inventories

Aquatic Resources
- Data source: Metropolitan Council
  - Surface Water Features Showing Maximum Rank for Recreation and Supply Uses
    - Outstanding
    - High
    - Moderate
    - Limited
  - Recreational use capacity is determined by public accessibility to the shoreline and water surface and basic physical characteristics and aesthetics which support direct or indirect recreational uses.
  - Water supply use is based upon frequency of use as a source of public drinking water.

Additional Natural Resources
- Data source: MnDNR; only areas of 40 or more contiguous acres are shown
  - Wildlife Management Areas
  - Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge
  - Scientific Natural Areas
  - Land in RIM

Steep Slopes
- (18% or greater)